

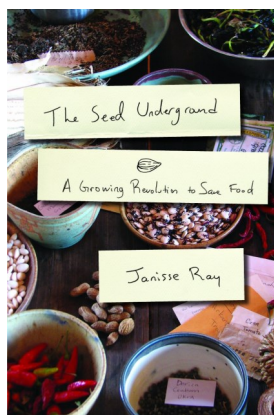
# 2015 Fall Schedule



## *Birds, Trees, Seeds, Lunar Eclipse this Fall!*

We are excited to offer many opportunities for people of all ages to learn about and explore the natural wonders of Warner Parks. We are especially excited to host the 100th Anniversary celebration of the TN Ornithological Society, featuring a beautiful exhibit, **BIRDS**, taken by birder/photographer Cyndi Routledge. In November, we are honored to host renown author, naturalist, conservationist, and seedsaver **Janisse Ray**, in partnership with the [Nashville Public Library Seed Exchange](#).

Other great learning opportunities include fall wildflower and bird hikes, organic gardening workshops, Friday preschool programs, and many fun learning opportunities for families and youth. Astronomical events are many, with a *total lunar eclipse* happening in September and two star parties to choose from. To register for a program call 615-352-6299 or visit our website.



**Warner Park Nature Center** is open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**Percy and Edwin Warner Parks** are open 7 days a week, sunrise-11 p.m.

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**Friends of Warner Parks:**  
615-370-8053  
[www.warnerparks.org](http://www.warnerparks.org)

SEPTEMBER

### Nature Story Time



Friday,  
September 4  
10:30-11 a.m.

Age Level: Pre-K  
Call to register

Join us in the museum or on the back porch for nature-themed books and stories!  
Leaders: Nature Center Staff or Volunteers

### International Garden Cooking: A Taste of Iran



Friday,  
September 4  
5:30-8 p.m.

Age Level: Adults  
Registration opens  
August 20

Explore some staple dishes from Iran during this cooking class using garden fresh vegetables and herbs. Come prepared to chop and dice and enjoy a delicious meal!  
Leaders: Maryam Mirsagasami and Kim Bailey

### Fall StoryWalk® Kickoff!



Saturday,  
September 5  
Trail open during  
regular park  
hours

Age level: All ages  
Registration not  
required

It's time to reveal our new autumn StoryWalk! Be among the first to find out which book it will be. Our self-guided StoryWalk book is posted along the Little Acorn Trail behind the Nature Center.  
Coordinator: Rachel Koch

### Defying Gravity and other Warner Myths

Saturday,  
September 5  
10-11 a.m.

Age level: All ages  
Registration opens  
August 21

Who donated the original park land? Is Warner Park a state park? Meet the naturalist at Gravity Hill to dispel myths of the Parks.  
Leader: Heather Gallagher

Call 615-352-6299 to register for programs. Registration is required and space is limited.

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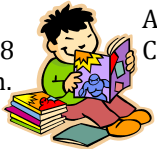



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Warner Park  
Nature Center

<b>Field Stroll</b>	Saturday, September 5 1-2:30 p.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Take a walk along some of Warner Park's glorious fields and learn about the flowers, insects and birds we encounter. Leader: Kim Bailey
<b>North American Butterfly Count</b>	Tuesday, September 8 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Join us for the September North American Butterfly Count. Gain experience identifying butterflies while contributing to important research! You may sign up for just a few hours of this all day count. Leaders: Kim Bailey and Melissa Donahue
<b>Hummingbird Happy Hour</b>	Wednesday, September 9 5-7 p.m.	 Age level: All ages Registration opens August 25	Hummingbird migration is in full swing! Hummingbirds are flying south for the winter. Join naturalists and bird banders to wish our smallest birds safe travels. Leaders: Heather Gallagher, Sandy Bivens, & Volunteers
<b>The "Cicada Sings on Summer Wings"*</b>	Friday, September 11 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.	 Age level: 3-5 years Registration opens August 27	Whether or not you've been lucky enough to see them, you've heard their songs all summer long. Join us to learn all about the fascinating cicada before we have to say good-bye to them...until next year! (*Title poetry by Bill Osborn)
<b>Creek Scramble</b>	Saturday, September 12 9:30-11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens August 28	Grab your water shoes and head to the Nature Center for a scramble through the creek. Let's explore the plants and animals that call our creek home. Leaders: Melissa Donahue and Vera Vollbrecht
<b>Hikers Euonymus</b>	Saturday, September 12 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Join us for this combination trail maintenance/invasive plant education and removal program. Learn to identify common pest plants along the trails and find out what you can do to combat their spread and improve the park experience. Leader: Paul Fowler, FOWP
<b>Homeschool Journeys: Insects and Spiders</b>	 Thursday, September 17 10 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m.	Age level: 5-13 years (Grades K-8) Registration opens September 2	Learn all about butterflies, bees, and spiders at this science-based program offered just for the homeschool audience. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
<b>Beech Woods Bird Hike</b>	Friday, September 18 8-10 a.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	 Explore the interior of Percy Warner Park with local birders to see what's just arrived, and say goodbye to our summer residents. Maybe a Barred Owl will show up too. Experts and beginners are welcome! Leaders: Susan Bradfield and John Kell
<b>Nature Story Time</b>	Friday, September 18 10:30-11 a.m.	 Age Level: Pre-K Call to register	Join us in the museum or on the back porch for nature-themed books and stories! Leaders: Nature Center Staff or Volunteers
<b>Family Fossil Hunt</b>	Saturday, September 19 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: 6 years and up Registration opens September 4	Discover prehistoric Tennessee with your family as we explore the streambed, delve into our fossil collection, and create a 3-D diorama of our ancient shallow sea. Leader: Rachel Anderson
<b>Fall Wildflower Hike</b>	Thursday, September 24 9-11 a.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	We will stroll on a path around a beautiful meadow enjoying the amazing array of fall flowers. Leader: Deb Beazley
<b>Harvest Moon Hike</b>	Thursday, September 24 7-8:30 p.m.	 Age level: 8 years and up Registration opens September 9	Celebrate September's Harvest Moon with a hike through the forests of Warner Parks. We'll listen for owls, late summer insects, coyotes, and learn the lore of the autumn moon. Leader: Vera Vollbrecht

## Deep Well Bird Hike

Friday,  
September 25  
8-10 a.m.

Age level: Adults  
Call to register

Fall is a great time for a bird hike! We'll search for some migrants that have just arrived and others that are ready to leave. The sky is the limit! Experts and beginners welcome.

Leaders: Kathy Shaw and Sandy Bivens

## A Bounty of Butterflies



Friday,  
September 25  
10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Age level: 3-5 years  
Registration opens  
September 10

September is a great month to see butterflies! Learn some fun facts about these insects called "flying flowers" and go outside to discover how many different types we can find!

Leader: Kim Bailey

## Full Moon Pickin' Party

Friday,  
September 25  
7-11 p.m.

Age level: All ages  
Tickets may be  
purchased through  
[nowplayingnashville.com](http://nowplayingnashville.com)

Join musicians and music lovers for an evening of bluegrass, delicious food and drink, and FUN for the entire family! All proceeds help protect and preserve the Parks.

Coordinators, Paul Fowler & Patrice Nelson, FOWP

## Fall Wildflower Hike

Saturday,  
September 26  
9-11 a.m.

Age level: Adults  
Call to register

We will stroll on a path around a beautiful meadow enjoying the amazing array of fall flowers.

Leader: Deb Beazley



## Lunar Eclipse Experience

Sunday, September 27  
7-11 p.m.

Age level: All ages  
Call to register

Experience the lunar eclipse at the Nature Center through telescopes, binoculars, and naked eye observation.

Coordinators: Warner Park Staff and Volunteers, Sudekum Planetarium at Adventure Science Center, and Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society

## Fall Bird Banding Day

Thursday, October 1  
9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Age level: All ages  
Call to register



Stop by anytime today and see bird research in action while licensed bird banders catch, band and release birds. Fall migration is an exciting time to watch birds and discover what is passing through Nashville. Come see birds up close and learn about this important method of studying birds.

Leaders: Nature Center Staff, Volunteers and the Warner Park Bird Banding Team

## Celebrating 100 Years: The Tennessee Ornithological Society's Fall Meeting

Friday, October 2 to  
Sunday, October 4

Age level: Adults  
Registration required.  
Register at  
[www.tnbirds.org](http://www.tnbirds.org)

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the TOS! The meeting will be headquartered at The Baymont Inn and Suites in Brentwood. Our field trips will take us to some of the greater Nashville area sites birded by the TOS Founding Fathers. We will have a "Bird(th) day" celebration Saturday afternoon at Warner Park Nature Center. Posters illustrating 100 years of TOS history and projects will be on display. Coordinators: Cyndi Routledge and Susan Hollyday, NTOS

## Burch Reserve Bird Hike

Friday, October 2  
8-10 a.m.

Age level: Adults  
Call to register



Grab your binoculars and explore the new land across Hwy 100 and help us document birds seen and heard there. Migration is in full swing, so who knows what flew in last night. Experts and beginners welcome. Leaders: Vera Vollbrecht and Kim Bailey

## "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud"\*



Friday, October 2  
10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Age level: 3-5 years  
Registration opens  
September 17

Cotton-candy clouds, storms-a-coming clouds, sand-at-low-tide clouds...they come in so many shapes, sizes, and colors. Let's get together and talk about those floating inspirations in the sky! (\*Title poetry by William Wordsworth) Leader: Rachel Koch

## Fall Birds for Families

Saturday, October 3  
11 a.m.-noon

Age level: All ages  
Registration opens  
September 18

Bring your binoculars along on this fall family adventure to look for and learn about fall birds in the Park!

Leader: Vera Vollbrecht

## BIRDS: Photography by Cyndi Routledge

Exhibit opens Saturday,  
October 3 and runs  
through December

Age level: All ages  
Registration not  
required

Celebrate 100 years of the TN Ornithological Society with a special exhibit of bird photography taken by local ornithologist and Master Bird Bander Cyndi Routledge. Cyndi has traveled throughout the U.S. capturing birds through both her binoculars and camera lens. The exhibit provides exquisite glimpses of native birds in their natural habitats and features rare up-close views.  
Coordinators: Vera Vollbrecht and Cyndi Routledge

## Birds! Birds! Birds!

Tuesday, October 6  
10 a.m.-noon

Age level: 6-12 years  
Registration opens  
September 22

Bird migration is in full swing, and our banding crew will be trying to sample our population using nets and traps. Observe this research project and learn about birds from Walden's Puddle Rehabilitation and Education Center. Leaders: Nature Center Staff, Bird Banding Team, and Walden's Puddle Staff



## It Takes a Village

Wednesday, October 7  
10 a.m.-noon

Age level: 6-12 years  
Registration opens  
September 22

Bring some friends and help build a village! You will have the opportunity to build a fort, play, and "trade" with other villagers. Come join the fun!  
Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

## "American Nature Warriors" Obstacle Course

Thursday, October 8  
10 a.m.-noon

Age level: 6-12 years  
Registration opens  
September 23

Do you have the eyesight of a predator? What about the ability to track animals? Have you ever built a fire that can survive a rain storm? Test your nature skills on an obstacle course and see if you can become an American Nature Warrior!  
Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers



## Edwin Warner Park Bird Hike

Friday, October 9  
8-10 a.m.

Age Level: Adults  
Call to register

Many birds are only seen in Nashville during migration. We'll hunt for warblers, tanagers, sparrows and more. Experts and beginners welcome!  
Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers



## SOUP-er Supper!



Friday, October 9  
5:30-7 p.m.

Age level: All ages  
Registration opens  
September 24

Fall vegetables will simmer in a pot while we take an evening stroll. We'll return to a warming picnic supper of soup shared with friends and family.  
Leaders: Vera Vollbrecht and Heather Gallagher

## Photo Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, October 10  
10-11 a.m.

Age level: All ages  
Registration opens  
September 25

Bring your camera or camera phone to search for nature items on this "photo" scavenger hunt!  
Leader: Heather Gallagher



## Homeschool Journeys: "Come to the Woods"\*



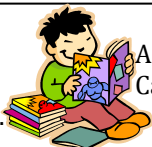
Thursday, October 15  
10 a.m.-noon or  
1-3 p.m.

Age level: 5-13 years  
(Grades K-8)  
Registration opens  
September 30

Experience the fall forest as a naturalist: use your eyes to explore the Un-nature Trail, use your ears to create a sound map, and more at this science-based program offered just for the homeschool audience. (\*Title quote by John Muir)  
Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

## Nature Story Time

Friday,  
October 16  
10:30-11 a.m.



Age Level: Pre-K  
Call to register

Join us in the museum or on the back porch for nature-themed books and stories!  
Leaders: Nature Center Staff or Volunteers

## Rock & Road Relay, Marathon, and 5K

Saturday, October 17

Register online at  
[www.rockandroadmarathon.racesonline.com](http://www.rockandroadmarathon.racesonline.com)



Join Friends of Warner Parks and Start2Finish for the 5th annual Rock & Road Relay, Marathon, and 5k. All the courses cover both trail (ROCK) and paved terrain (ROAD) running through the beautiful hills and vales of Percy Warner Park. Funds raised from this event help protect and enhance Warner Parks.  
Coordinators: FOWP Staff and Volunteers



## Tennessee Bluebird Society Annual Meeting



Saturday, October 17  
9 a.m. start time

Register online at  
[tnbluebirdsociety.org](http://tnbluebirdsociety.org)

Join us for the annual meeting of TBS. The meeting is free and open to all who have an interest in helping Eastern Bluebirds thrive. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. with a welcome and coffee. Volunteer Naturalist and Bird Researcher Diana McLusky will present a program at 10:30 on the Warner Park Bluebird Project established in 1936.  
Leader: Tennessee Bluebird Society

## Leaf Hunt Relay

Saturday, October 17  
10-11 a.m.

Age Level: All ages  
Registration opens  
October 2

Leaves come in many shapes and sizes. Let's explore the forest and field searching for sassafras, maple, oak, tulip popular, and other leaves.  
Leader: Heather Gallagher



## October Star Party

Saturday, October 17  
7-9 p.m.

Age Level: All ages  
Call to register



Astronomers will be on hand for telescope viewing of Venus, Mars, and Jupiter, and for observation of constellations during this night under the stars. Coordinators: Warner Park Staff and Volunteers, Sudekum Planetarium, and Barnard-Seifert Astronomical Society

## All About Trees



Friday, October 23  
9-11 a.m.

Age Level: Adults  
Call to register

While enjoying their glorious colors we will hike and chat all about our wonderful trees.  
Leader: Deb Beazley

## Duck, Duck, Goose

Friday, October 23  
10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Age Level: 3-5 years  
Registration opens  
October 8

Let's learn all about ducks (and geese!) through stories, songs, and games.  
Leaders: Heather Gallagher and Amanda Holloway

## Full Moon Pickin' Party



Friday, October 23  
7-11 p.m.

Age level: All ages  
Tickets may be purchased through  
[nowplayingnashville.com](http://nowplayingnashville.com)

Join musicians and music lovers for an evening of bluegrass, delicious food and drink, and FUN for the entire family! All proceeds help protect and preserve the Parks.  
Coordinators, Paul Fowler & Patrice Nelson, FOWP

## Seed Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, October 24  
10-11:30 a.m.

Age level: 6 years & up  
Registration opens  
October 9

Search for seeds that rattle when shaken, that are carried in a pod, have been eaten by animals, or stain your fingers when squished! We will create a special journal that tells the story of each seed we find.  
Leader: Rachel Anderson

## Full Moon Frolic

Tuesday, October 27  
5-7 p.m.



Age level: All ages  
Registration opens  
October 13

Late October is a great time to hike. The leaves are colorful and the temperature is crisp. Let's enjoy the setting of the sun and the rising of the moon on a stunning fall night hike.  
Leaders: Melissa Donahue and Rachel Anderson

## Tornado Ridge Hike

Wednesday, October 28  
4-5:30 p.m.

Age level: Adults  
Call to register

Enjoy a late afternoon hike on one of the prettiest sections of the Mossy Ridge Trail.  
Leader: Kim Bailey

## Project Feeder Watch Volunteer Training

Friday, October 30  
9-11 a.m.

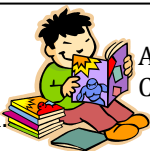
Age level: Adults  
Call to register



Warner Park needs you to assist with Project Feeder Watch, coordinated by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology which surveys the abundance and distribution of birds visiting feeders in the winter. Join us to learn how to participate in this important research project.  
Leader: Melissa Donahue

## Nature Story Time

Friday,  
October 30  
10:30-11 a.m.



Age Level: Pre-K  
Call to register

Join us in the museum or on the back porch for nature-themed books and stories!  
Leaders: Nature Center Staff or Volunteers

## Not-so Scary Stuff











Saturday, October 31  
10-11 a.m.

Age level: All ages  
Registration opens  
October 16

Don't be afraid! We'll talk about bats, spiders, and snakes—and why they are not so scary.  
Leader: Heather Gallagher



# NOVEMBER

<b>Fall Family Campfire</b>	Tuesday, November 3 6-8 p.m. 	Age level: All ages Registration opens October 20	School is out today, so celebrate with a family picnic and campfire at Warner Park! Come enjoy a brisk evening outside! Leaders: Kim Bailey and Heather Gallagher
<b>Mushrooms!</b>	Thursday, November 5 9-11 a.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register	Always amazing and somewhat unbelievable, a mushroom hunt turns up the weirdest things. Leader: Deb Beazley 
<b>The Cutest Rodents</b> 	Friday, November 6 10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m. 	Age Level: 3-5 years Registration opens October 22 	Chipmunks and squirrels are absolutely adorable! Wouldn't you like to come play, learn, and even pretend to be one of these cute little critters? Please join us for lots of scurrying fun! Leader: Rachel Koch
<b>Cemeteries of Edwin Warner Park</b>	Saturday, November 7 10 a.m.-noon	Age Level: Adults Registration opens October 23	Visit the cemeteries of Edwin Warner Park on foot to learn about families that first called Warner Park home. Leader: Heather Gallagher
<b>Burch Reserve Hike</b>	Tuesday, November 10 4-5:30 p.m.	Age level: 8-12 years Registration opens October 27	Join us after school as we explore the Park's newest property, the Burch Reserve! Leader: Kim Bailey
<b>Sunset Saunter</b>	Wednesday, November 11 5-6 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens October 28	Slowly walk with a naturalist through the forest to watch the autumn sun go down. Leader: Heather Gallagher
<b>Project Archaeology Workshop: Intrigue of the Past</b> 	Friday, November 13 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 	Age level: Educators Call to register	Project Archaeology uses archaeological inquiry to foster understanding of past and present cultures. Incorporating Social Studies, Mathematics, Language Arts, and Art, the curriculum is an innovative means to capture students' attention and promote a sense of responsibility and stewardship of America's cultural heritage. Participants will receive an activity guide for use in the classroom. Leaders: Melissa Donahue and Rachel Koch
<b>Seven Wonders of Woodpeckers</b>	Saturday, November 14 10-11:30 a.m. 	Age level: 6 years & up Registration opens October 30	Sapsucker, red-bellied, red-headed, hairy, pileated, flicker and downy...what animals have such fascinating names? Woodpeckers of course! Explore the lives of these extraordinary birds as we discover their adaptations – from stiff tails to sticky tongues – and learn their distinctive drumming calls. Leader: Rachel Anderson
<b>Hike the Hill Forest</b>	Saturday, November 14 9 a.m. -noon	Age level: Adults Registration opens October 30	Bring your camera and hiking boots to experience this magical forest! Leader: Heather Gallagher
<b>Pickin' on Privet</b>	Saturday, November 14 1-4 p.m.	Age level: Adults Call to register 	Get off trail and into the woods and help push back the invasion of exotic pest plants. We'll be breaking out the heavy equipment and going after the root of the problem as we get dirty and have fun working together for the Parks. Leader: Paul Fowler
<b>Homeschool Journeys: SEEDS</b> 	Thursday, November 19 10 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m.	Age level: 5-13 (Grades K-8) Registration opens November 4	Seeds come in many shapes and forms, from fluffy seeds, helicopters, and round heavy seeds. Learn about seeds from pollination to germination at this science-based program offered just for the homeschool audience. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

## Helpful Harvest Hands

Friday, November 20  
10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Age level: 3-5 years  
Registration opens  
November 5

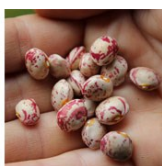
Before trees and trails, small family farms occupied Warner Park. Join me to learn how the children who lived on these farms celebrated the harvest.  
Leader: Melissa Donahue



## Seed Swap with Nashville Public Library's Seed Exchange

Friday, November 20  
5-6 p.m.

Age level: Adults  
Call to register

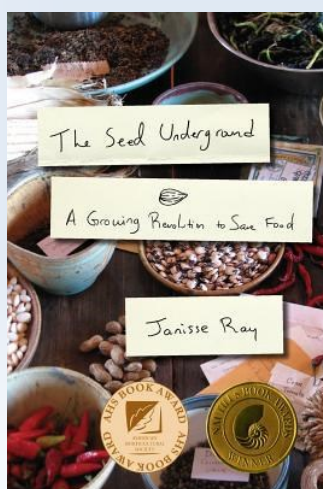
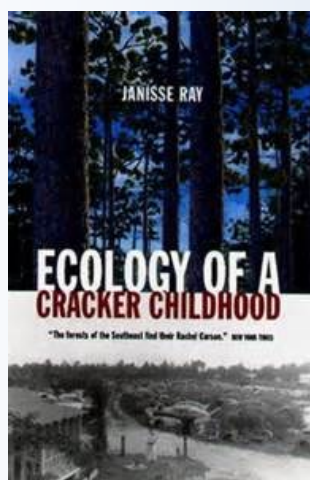


Bring seeds from your garden to share and swap with local gardeners before the evening program! For more information about preparing and labeling seeds for swapping, visit [www.library.nashville.org/info/seedexchange.asp](http://www.library.nashville.org/info/seedexchange.asp)  
Coordinators: Vera Vollbrecht and Katherine Bryant

## On Nature, Wildness, and Sustainability: An Evening with Author Janisse Ray

Friday, November 20  
6 p.m.

Age level: Adults  
Registration opens  
November 5



Writer, naturalist, and activist Janisse Ray is author of five books of literary nonfiction and a collection of nature poetry. *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood* was a *New York Times* Notable Book and was chosen as the Book All Georgians Should Read. Her latest is a nonfiction book on open-pollinated seeds, *The Seed Underground* (Chelsea Green), published in 2012. Ray attempts to live a simple, sustainable life on a farm in southern Georgia with her husband, Raven Waters. Ray is an organic gardener, seedsaver, tender of farm animals, and slow-food cook. She lectures widely on nature, community, agriculture, wildness, sustainability and the politics of wholeness.

Coordinated by: Warner Park Nature Center, Friends of Warner Parks, and the Nashville Public Library Seed Exchange

## Food Preservation 101

Saturday, November 21  
10-11:30 a.m.

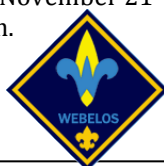
Age level: Adults  
Call to register



Are you already planning next year's garden? Let's take a look at how to preserve your harvest. Learn different methods used in food preservation and become familiar with the equipment needed.  
Leader: Melissa Donahue.

## Webelos Scouts: Naturalist Badge

Saturday, November 21  
1:30-3 p.m.



Age level: Registered  
Webelos Scouts  
Registration opens  
November 6

Webelos: check off some of your Naturalist badge requirements during this fun-filled workshop. This program is open to individual scouts or troops. Space is limited, and registration is required.  
Leader: Heather Gallagher

## Trees Without Leaves



Friday, December 4  
10-11 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Age level: 3-5 years  
Registration opens  
November 19

It's almost winter, and most of our trees are bare. Let's bundle up and take a sweet, slow stroll together through the woods! We will admire the newly revealed beauty that is hidden from our eyes for three seasons of the year!  
Leader: Rachel Koch

## Winter StoryWalk® Kickoff







Saturday, December 5  
Trail open during  
regular park hours

Age level: All ages  
Registration not  
required



Say hello to our newest book by meandering along the Little Acorn Trail! Enjoy our winter story revealed to you page by page. This is a self-guided activity.  
Coordinator: Rachel Koch



<b>Hill Forest Hike</b>	Saturday, December 5 1-3 p.m.	Age level: 8 years & up Registration opens November 20	Wool socks? Check! Sturdy Shoes? Check! Hiking poles? Check! A sense of wonder at hiking in an undisturbed forest? Check! Experience this captivating forest in the early winter quiet. Leader: Melissa Donahue
			
<b>Hike the Hill Forest</b>	Wednesday, December 9 10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Age Level: Adults Registration opens November 25	Come prepared for a strenuous hike up and down the ridges of this special forest that is home to some beautiful old trees. Leader: Kim Bailey
<b>Organic Gardening 101</b>		Friday, December 11 9-10:30 a.m.	Age Level: Adults Call to register
			It's time to get ready for next year! Learn all about planning for and growing a beautiful organic garden. Leader: Deb Beazley
<b>Burch Reserve Family Bird Hike</b>	Saturday, December 12 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: 6 years & up Registration opens November 25	Explore the Burch Reserve as we search for our favorite winter birds! From finches to hawks, we'll discover just how these amazing animals survive the cold winter months. Leader: Rachel Anderson
<b>Homeschool Journeys: Soils and Decomposers</b>	Thursday, December 17 10 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m.	Age level: 5-13 years (Grades K-8) Registration opens December 2	Study a rotting log, sift through soils, and observe natural decomposers up close at this science-based program offered just for the homeschool audience. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
<b>Nature Story Time</b>	Friday, December 18 10:30-11 a.m.	Age level: Pre-K Call to register	 Join us in the museum or on the back porch for nature-themed books and stories! Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers or Staff
<b>Organic Garden: Prepare for Next Year!</b>	Saturday, December 19 10-11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens December 4	We've got a list of things to do to prepare the garden for next spring! Learn all about getting ready for next year's garden. Leader: Heather Gallagher
			
<b>December Star Party: Geminid Meteor Shower</b>	Saturday, December 19 7-9 p.m.	Age level: All ages Call to register	Meet at the Special Events Field in Edwin Warner Park for the Geminid meteor shower! Local astronomers will be on hand with knowledge and scopes to assist you in learning the night sky. Coordinators: Warner Park Staff and Volunteers , Sudekum Planetarium at Adventure Science Center, and Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society
			
<b>Winter Solstice Celebration</b>	Sunday, December 20 4:30-6:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Call to Register Registration opens November 4	Celebrate Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year. Enjoy warm beverages, a toasty fire, wreath making, songs and stories, and take a magical walk along a luminary-lit trail through the forest. Coordinators: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
			

Call 615-352-6299 to register for programs. Registration is required and space is limited.

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